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Sir:

Applicant herewith submits a list of references of which the applicant is aware. Of interest, U.S. Pat. No. 6,685,217 relates to a leg protection device for vehicle occupants. Since this application is being filed after June 30, 2003, the requirement for a copy of the U.S. patent publications has been waived. A copy of the foreign patent document, WO 03093069, is enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists. While the term "reference" is used in citing each of the publications called to the Examiner's attention herein, applicant does not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

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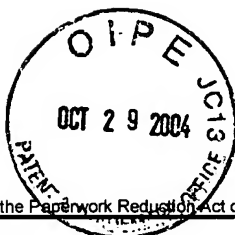
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